



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[1651-0053]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Accreditation of Commercial Testing

Laboratories and Approval of Commercial Gaugers

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-day notice and request for comments; extension of an existing collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). The information collection is published in the *Federal Register* to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and must be submitted no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to dhsdeskofficer@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional PRA information should be directed to Seth Renkema, Chief, Economic Impact Analysis Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1177, Telephone number 202-325-0056 or via email CBP_PRA@cbp.dhs.gov. Please note that the contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. Individuals seeking information about other CBP programs should contact the CBP National Customer Service Center at 877-227-5511, (TTY) 1-800-877-8339, or CBP website at <https://www.cbp.gov/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This proposed information collection was previously published in the *Federal Register* (84 FR 22504) on May 17, 2019, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) suggestions to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) suggestions to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques

or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the request for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Overview of this Information Collection:

Title: Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories and Approval of Commercial Gaugers

OMB Number: 1651-0053

Form Number: Form 6478

Abstract: Commercial laboratories seeking accreditation or approval must provide the information specified in 19 CFR 151.12 to Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and Commercial Gaugers seeking CBP approval must provide the information specified under 19 CFR 151.13. This information may be submitted on CBP Form 6478. After the initial approval and/or accreditation, a private company may "extend" its approval and/or accreditation to add facilities by submitting a formal written request to CBP. This application process is authorized by Section 613 of Public Law 103-182 (NAFTA Implementation Act), codified at 19 U.S.C. 1499(b), which directs CBP to establish a procedure to accredit privately owned testing laboratories. The information collected is used by CBP in deciding whether to approve individuals or businesses desiring to measure bulk products or to analyze importations. Instructions for completing these applications are accessible at:

<http://www.cbp.gov/about/labs-scientific/commercial-gaugers-and-laboratories>. CBP Form 6478 is accessible at: <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms?title=6478>

Current Actions: This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with

no change to the burden hours or to the information collected.

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses

Applications for Commercial Testing and Approval of Commercial Gaugers:

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 8

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 8

Estimated Time per Response: 1.25 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10

Record Keeping Associated with Applications for Commercial Testing and Approval of Commercial Gaugers:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 180

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 180

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 180

Dated: August 21, 2019.

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